

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting of 24 January 2007 at 6:00 PM. The meeting took place in the Court Room, Town and County Building, Nantucket, MA 02554. Members of the Board present were Brian Chadwick, Douglas Bennett, Michael Kopko, Catherine Flanagan Stover and Whiting Willauer. Chairman Willauer called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM following a meeting of the County Commission.

Announcements. Town Administrator Libby Gibson announced a February 7, 2007 meeting of the Harbor Plan Review Committee at the Large Group Instruction Room of the high school at 6:30 PM to review draft revisions of the harbor plan document. She added that the Board's public hearing on the plan is February 21st.

Public Comment. D. Anne Atherton of the Nantucket Civic League expressed appreciation to the Board for its January 8th letter to the Department of Environmental Protection regarding the Great Harbor Yacht Club application for a Chapter 91 license.

Approval of Payroll Warrant for Week Ending 21 January 2007. The Board approved the payroll warrant by unanimous consent.

Approval of Treasury Warrant and Pending Contracts for Week Ending 24 January 2007. The Board approved the treasury warrant and pending contract by unanimous consent.

Town Administrator's Report

Town Administrator Libby Gibson reviewed the Selectmen's meeting schedule for the next two weeks.

Selectmen's Reports/Comment.

1. Adoption of 2007 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Gibson provided information on the warrant and reviewed changes since the Board's 9:30 AM meeting of today. Discussion followed on a motion to reconsider inclusion of a non-binding article or ballot question on the proposed beach nourishment project in Sconset, but there was none. Ms. Gibson introduced articles the Board had earlier indicated it wanted to review regarding inclusion in the warrant. Mr. Kopko and Mr. Chadwick asked for inclusion of an article pertaining to sewer districts. Mr. Kopko moved to include the article. Mr. Chadwick seconded. So voted unanimously.

Discussion followed on a proposed article to amend the HDC Act, which Town Counsel has advised is "contrary to the architecture of the HDC act," as it "has no jurisdiction over interior spaces." HDC Administrator Mark Voigt spoke in support of including the article as a first step toward language clarification in the act. Mr. Kopko moved to include the article. Mr. Bennett seconded. So voted unanimously.

Ms. Gibson noted that an article was added at the request of Planning Director Andrew Vorce who reviewed its intent to clear interest in a particular parcel. It authorizes the Town and the Land Bank to acquire any interests in said parcel. Mr. Kopko moved to include the article. Mr. Chadwick seconded. So voted unanimously.

Some discussion followed on various other articles. Mr. Vorce added that minor edits for typographical errors would be provided to the Town Administrator. Ms. Gibson indicated that following the Board's approval and then any non-substantive edits, the warrant will be published in the newspaper next week and also available on the Town's website. Mr. Bennett moved to approve the warrant as presented with any edits incorporated. Mr. Chadwick seconded. So voted unanimously.

2. Scheduling of Siasconset Beach Preservation Fund Meeting. Chairman Willauer introduced the matter regarding a proposal to schedule a meeting on Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at 6 PM at the Coffin School on Winter Street to clarify public concerns including environmental concerns and public access along the beach and along the bluff regarding the proposed beach nourishment project.

Rick Atherton spoke on Board meetings, especially workshops and suggested that the Board consider not taking votes at such meetings. Chairman Willauer addressed the concern and discussion followed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Approved the 7th day of February 2007.